

Application No.: 10/767,812

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REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending. Claims 1, 18, 28, and 41 are independent claims. In the Office Action, claims 1-6, 8-11, 14-16, 18-21, 24-26, 28-39, and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by United States Patent Publication 2002/0027504 ("Davis"). Claims 7, 17, 27, and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Davis in view of United States Patent Publication 2003/0088346 ("Calkins"). Claims 12, 13, 22, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Davis in view of United States Patent Publication 2003/0040873 ("Lesesky").

Applicants thank Examiner Baran for the courtesy extended during the July 26, 2005 telephonic interview with Applicants' representative. In the interview, the Examiner agreed that that Davis does not teach or suggest connections to a communications bus, much less analyzing communications received from the communications bus, as is required by Applicants' independent claims. Accordingly, no claims are canceled or amended in the present paper, and the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65856-0055, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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